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## DEPARTMENT SEEKS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM SPONSORS

BOISE –The Child Nutrition Division of the State Department of Education is seeking sponsors for this year's Summer Food Service Program, which provides free meals for children, ages 1-18, who live in areas in need of economic assistance during school summer vacations.

This program helps fill the gap for families who may not be able to afford to give their children nutritious meals during the summer months when school is not in session.

The Department contracts with sponsors to feed low-income children during the summer months. Nationally, more than 26 million children eat school lunch daily when school is in session, and about half of them receive their meals free or at a reduced price because they are from families with low household incomes. The summer program offers them nutritious food when school is not in session.

Last year, Idaho's 84 summer food sponsors served approximately 1.38 million meals at 343 sites. For the 2013 program year, sponsors may be:

- Public or private nonprofit schools;
- Public or private nonprofit residential camps;
- Local, municipal, county, tribal, or state governments;
- Public or private nonprofit colleges or universities that participate in the National Youth Sports Program;
- Upward Bound programs;
- Religious Organizations;
- Libraries; or
- Private nonprofit organizations.

All sponsors, new and returning, are required to attend training at a location most convenient for them, and must complete the application process as soon as possible. The 2013 training schedule is:

- Fruitland - March 1, 2013
- Coeur d'Alene - March 5, 2013
- Lewiston - March 6, 2013
- Boise - March 7, 2013
- Idaho Falls - March 12, 2013
- Pocatello - March 13, 2013
- Twin Falls - March 14, 2013

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The 2013 training registration information is available online at <http://www.databasesdoneright.com/nutrition/>. Select the calendar to find the training.

Application information is provided at training and is due to the State Department of Education by **April 26, 2013**, and must be approved by the Department prior to program operation. Applications that are not complete by June 15<sup>th</sup> cannot be approved.

Meals for the Summer Food Service Program must be served in accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture Non-Discrimination policy.

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Additional information about the Summer Food Service Program is available on our website at [www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/summerFoods](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/summerFoods), or from Angela T. Miller, (208) 332-6821 or at [ATMiller@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:ATMiller@sde.idaho.gov).

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